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BULGARIAN DEFECTOR ESCAPES TO GREECE; AVIATION CLUB FORMED

TELLS STORY OF ESCAPE -- Ankara, Ankara, 30 Jan 52

The following information was obtained from an unidentified Bulgarian youth who succeeded in crossing the border into Greece, whence he made his way to Istanbul. Highlights of the youth's statement are given below.

I was called into the army on 11 October 1948 and sent to Kolorovgrad for a 4-months basic training course. When I finished the course, I was assigned to the border unit located in the village of Nova Lovcha, 1½ kilometers from the Bulgarian-Greek border. Next I was assigned to the "Minzukar" unit located in Libya novo, where I remained until 29 June 1951.

One day, while walking along the border, I observed that mines were being laid along the Greek border. I could not help but wonder why those who wished to liberate Bulgaria should be condemned to death and why the government was condemning those who might cross the border from Greece. [The author declaims at some length against the Communist regime and how displeased he was at conditions in Bulgaria.]

On 24 July, a friend and I were sent to stand guard in Zarnevo. When a mine exploded, we took advantage of the confusion to run to a bunker located 300 yards from the Greek border, even though Captain Bogoev ordered us to follow him. [The narrator then describes in detail how he and his friend escaped from the bunker in a jeep across the border into Greece. He mentions that there was a telephone in the bunker.]

NEW AVIATION CLUB ORGANIZED -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 22 Feb 52

Stara Zagora, 22 February -- Recently a new aviation club was formed in Stara Zagora and attached to the city council of DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Assistance to Defense). At the inauguration of the new club, Lt Ivan Krustev spoke to glider pilots, parachutists, builders of model airplanes, and workers of Stara Zagora on the role and significance of the aviation club.

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